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Criticism Corrected.

EDITOR NEWS:

Every new device and every departure from old methods must meet adverse criticism and blind prejudice on the part of individuals having selfish or conflicting interests, or having no interest at all except that of being chronic obstructionists to every reform.

These valves are no exception to the rule, and notwithstanding the fact that our new Quick Action Balanced Valves have been exceptionally well received by users and practical men generally, we have recently become aware that one objection has been found to them which, however, is so easily met that we are surprised and rather gratified and not at all offended.

The objection refers to the fact that some of our first valves were equipped with an iron gland around the valve stem. This gland developed a tendency to rust especially when used in water service. Unequivocal condemnation was therefore meted out to these valves in general, on the ground that "they would soon be destroyed by corrosion." This error of construction was an experiment and was discovered long ago, and the remedy was easy and obvious that is, the substitution of a non-corrosive material for the part referred to. Therefore, all our valves are now equipped with brass glands, and so far as the action of the natural elements is concerned these valves are indestructible unless used in connection with anhydrous ammonia, when cast iron is again resorted to.

Another objection has also been made by would-be critics of limited knowledge, that it resembles this or that other old type of valve. This last objection, however, required no refutation as every well informed can easily see that our Quick Action Balanced Valves are a distinct type in every respect; in all essential points differing from all types of valves heretofore used.

No attack has been made as to the durability of its operating mechanism which dispenses with the use of a threaded valve stem and its consequent stripping in the packing-box. This fact alone raises them above comparison with the old style of unbalanced, slow action, thread-stripping types.

We shall always be glad to receive honest criticism from any source and we shall always be desirous to correct every real defect that may be pointed out to us, no matter how humble or unskilled the person from whom the criticism emanates.

Our valves are doubtless very far from perfect at present, but we owe it to ourselves in maintaining the confidence of the valve-using public in making the above reply to an objection which we believe to have been made in good faith but under misapprehension, and for the further reason that the defect referred to has been successfully remedied.

GUSTAFSON BROS.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Monday, Feb. 3, 1896, should be long remembered in Sequachee as the day of initiation of advanced educational advantages for the people by the institution of the secondary school and the News takes much pleasure in chronicling the fact; and now that it is established, believes the people of the district will faithfully sustain it.

Spite of the threatening weather, 69 children were on hand and by the time of opening the skies had cleared off and the sun shone brightly.

Mr. S. M. Lofty, Chairman of the School Directors called the meeting to order and introduced the representative of the News to preside at the opening exercises. A volunteer choir of ladies, consisting of Mrs. J. W. Graham, Miss Matilde Gustafson, Miss Lydia Gustafson, Miss Minnie Haynes, and Messrs S. W. and W. A. Pryor, sang a pleasing selection, then followed a reading of part of proverbs, Chap. 2, another song by the choir, and then the Lord's Prayer was recited by all present.

Then a practical speech by the News representative who introduced the new principal, Mr. H. E. Tate, to the school. Mr. Tate spoke pertinently and earnestly, announcing his determination to do his whole duty. Then Miss Sarah Ables, the assistant teacher was presented and she briefly responded. The presiding officer then called on Mr. John T. Boyd, who made a manly, earnest speech, while Mr. W. A. Pryor and Mr. Wm. Owen, who both urged unity and determination on the part of scholars and people to ensure success.

It was then announced that shortly a meeting of parents, guardians, and others would be called to arrange for the fullest possible term of school for this year, of which due notice will be given. Announcement was also made that outside the school rewards would be offered for the scholars whose records showed them neither absent nor tardy to be announced at the School Exhibition at close of the spring term. After another selection by the choir, the school was declared opened.

When you want house framing, ceiling, siding, etc., of the best quality and on short notice, go to Gabel & Brown, whose advertisement appears in the issue. We feel no hesitation in guaranteeing their promptness and reliability.

Now comes the report that Martin & Byers have cut 18,000 feet of lumber at the Jones-Watley mill in three days last week.

LOCAL.

Read the letter of Gustafson Bros. in this issue.

Mr. Zeke Haynes went to Whitwell Monday.

Mr. I. N. Kuor of Inman was in town Tuesday.

Mr. G. Sherman went to Chattanooga yesterday.

Miss Sarah Ables arrived in Sequachee Friday last.

Mr. John Slatton of Whitwell was in town Tuesday.

Job printing that is job printing done at this office.

R. T. Simpson and brother of Jasper were in town Tuesday.

S. P. P. says he wants all the tinware any body has to spare.

Mr. James Campbell from the mountain was in town Tuesday.

Wm. Lee has moved into a house at the south end of Sequachee.

Mr. Lum Hout's little baby is somewhat better at last accounts.

We can do your job work cheaper and better than you are aware of.

Job printing that speaks for itself done at this office. Give us a call.

The young men of the town will organize a literary association tomorrow night.

Miss Althea Spears returned last week from a visit to friends and relatives at Graysville.

The way to build up your town is always to speak favorably of it, not to run it down every chance you can.

Mr. H. E. Tate arrived on the evening train from South Pittsburg, to take charge of the school at this city.

Miss Ellen Price of Jasper, and Miss Mattie Payne of Cloverdale, were the guests of Miss Pryor last week.

Mr. Chris. Gabel left for Chattanooga Monday to accept a position with Casey & Hedges in their machine shop.

The indications are for a heavy freshet this spring. The lumbermen agree on this subject and warn people to look out.

Jas. Coldwell of Arena was in town Monday. Said he had to go away up the mountain side on account of the river rising.

One month of 96 January, a dreary one gone. What will February bring forth? January was not a blooming success.

We completed last week a full supply of letter heads, bill heads, envelopes and cards for Gabel & Brown, which we consider a first class job.

Two wagon trains of northerners passed through Dunlap this morning on their way to the Fitz-gerald, Ga., colony of settlers from the north and north-west.

We are the pleased and grateful recipients of some nice apples from Mr. William Owen. Apples are getting scarce, but we think we never enjoyed them more.

Prosperity smiled on this office once more Tuesday. She has been so chary of her benefits lately that in the language of the poet we were down in the month.

The attendance at school increased 6 on Tuesday. Now there are 200 persons eligible in the district. We ought to have and must have 125, daily average attendance.

It is not good manners when anyone is singing or is playing instrumental music, for everybody but those engaged to talk as loud as they can to drown to the music.

Somebody, we don't know who, but we are as much obliged as if we did, has sent us a list of commands engaged in the Battle of Chicamunga which we shall carefully keep.

Mr. Samuel Burnett, of Whitwell visited this office Monday. He thought it worth while to be initiated into the mysteries of the printer's art and gave us an appreciated call.

Mr. Gabel reports their saw mill nearly ready for work the changing of shafting and machinery has consumed much time but when done will be of great advantage in getting out products.

Pigs in a graveyard are not picturesque to us, and the person who took the rope away that closed the gate ought to be made to bring it back and that quick. Out on such desecration.

A disgraceful row Thursday night at the falling spring house, the property of the Town Co., must not occur again. The best remedy is to pull down all these old cabins in out of the way places.

Azariah Burnett, Sr. resumes his old place as fireman and engineer at the planing mill. Azariah Burnett, Jr., is directing the mules to plow for a crop. When that is done he is he is going to school.

The first rehearsal of the Musical Society was a success. 21 out of 23 members being present and they put in two hours good, honest work. We know it is hard on the director but he said he can stand it.

The burning question of the hour now is how can I pay my taxes with no chance to earn anything. The outlook is very dark but the State and County must have the taxes. What does a citizen or two used up, amount to.